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C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 5494

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, CY
SUBJ: CYPRUS MISSING PERSONS

1. SUMMARY: CYPRUS MISSION INFORMED US OF REPORTING MESSAGE
FROM ITS MISSION TO FOREIGN MINISTRY OUTLINING ALTERNATIVES
FOR THIRD COMMITTEE DEBATE. FOREMOST OBJECTIVE FROM U.S.
VIEWPOINT IS POSTPONEMENT OR CANCELLATION OF DEBATE.
END SUMMARY

2. CYPRUS MISOFF STEPHANIDES INFORMED US DEC 8 THAT
CYPRUS MISSION HAD JUST DESPATCHED CABLE TO NICOSIA DES-
CRIBING GOC ALTERNATIVES WITH REGARD TO THIRD COMMITTEE
ITEM ON CYPRUS MISSIONG PERSONS. NICOSIA WAS ASKED --
(1) SHOULD THE CYPRUSMISSION TRY TO BLOCK THROUGH PROC-
EDURAL VOTE TURKISH/CYPRIOT PARTICIPATION IN THE THIRD
COMMITTEE DEBATE; IF DECISION IS NOT TO BLOCK, SHOULD
ATTEMPT BE MADE TO LIMIT TIME ALLOCATED TO HEAR TURKISH/CYPRIOT
(2) SHOULD DEBATE BE POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT WEEK DESPITE THIRD
COMMITTEE'S COMPLETION OF REGULAR WORK ON DEC 9; (3) SHOULD GOC
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TRY TO PREVENT VOTE ON TURKISH RESOLUTION (USUN 5344);
(4) SHOULD GOC WITHDRAW ITS RESOLUTION IN COORDINATION
WITH TURKEY'S WITHDRAWING ITS RESOLUTION -- THIS COULD
BE DONE AT THE REQUEST OF U.S. IN TERMS OF U.S. EFFORTS
TO REACH AGREEMENT ON COMMITTEE ON MISSING PERSONS --
AND CANCEL ITEM AND DEBATE ENTIRELY.

3. STEPHANIDES EXPLAINED TO US THAT WITHDRAWING RESOLUTIONS AND CANCELLING DEBATE HAD ADVANTAGES FOR GOC WHICH WERE PRESENTED IN MESSAGE TO NICOSIA. HE ADMITTED CYPRUS MISSION IS UNCERTAIN OF OUTCOME OF PROCEDURAL BLOCKING VOTES AGAINST TURKISH/CYPRIOT PARTICIPATION AND TURKISH RESOLUTION. HOWEVER, MOVE TO WITHDRAW RESOLUTION (PROVIDED TURKS DO THE SAME) COULD BE PORTRAYED HERE AS CYPRIOT SACRIFICE.

4. WE SUGGEST THAT WE CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE DELAYING CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM UNTIL NEXT WEEK TO ALLOW TIME TO FURTHER NEGOTIATE THE WORKING PAPER. HOWEVER, WE ALSO SEE BENEFIT TO ALL IN HAVING THIS ITEM AND THE TWO RESOLUTIONS WITHDRAWN ENTIRELY. WE WILL ASCERTAIN EARLY TOMORROW GOC REACTION FROM NICOSIA ON WITHDRAWING THE ITEM. WE HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT AMB. TURKMEN WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO WITHDRAW HIS RESOLUTION AS WELL. THIRD COMMITTEE CHAIRWOMAN ALSO HAS THIS IMPRESSION ON TURKEY'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THIS DEBATE. DENKTASH WILL PROBABLY VIEW CANCELLATION OF THE ITEM POSSIBILITY HE HAS BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO VEDATE CELIK'S PARTICIPATING IN THIRD COMMITTEE DEBATE. HOWEVER, WITHDRAWING THE ITEM REMOVES THIS APPEAL FOR DENKTASH AND COULD PROVIDE INCENTIVE FOR MOVING AHEAD ON THE WORKING PAPER.

5. FINALLY STEPHANIDES MENTIONED THAT HIS MISSION HAS
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SUGGESTED AS A FALL BACK POSITION THAT OFFICIAL CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TAKING UP THIS HUMANITARIAN PROBLEM OF MISSING PERSONS IF AGREEMENT IS NOT REACHED ON A MISSING PERSONS COMMITTEE.
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